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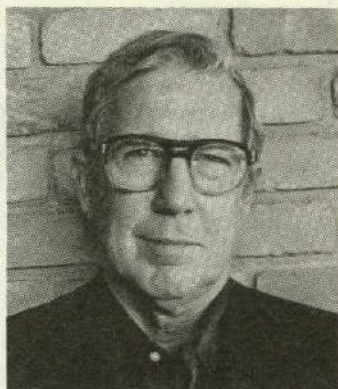
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THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN TEXAS

## ACTIVE HAS NEW MEMBERS



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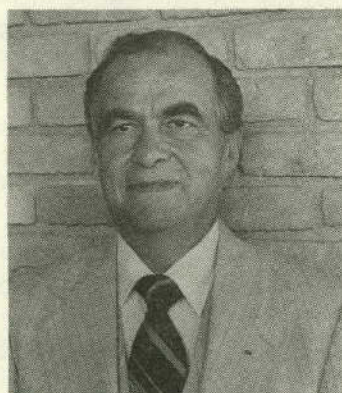
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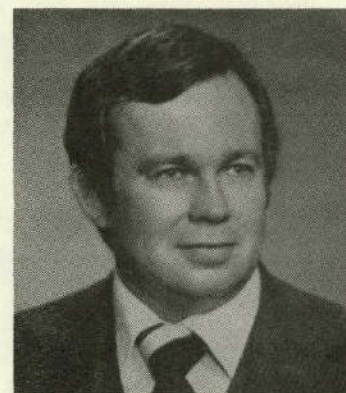
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Cletus (Mike) Michel



Jon P. Underwood

The State Board of Education appointed eight new members and returned two to the Advisory Council for Technical/Vocational Education. The appointments and reappointments were voted on at the Board's October and November meetings.

Newly appointed to three-year terms upon recommendation of Governor Bill Clements were James C. Currey of Dallas, E. W. Collins of Beaumont, Noe B. Calvillo of McAllen, Jacinto Juarez of Laredo, Cletus (Mike) Michel of El Paso, Clemente Garcia of Corpus Christi, Anneylee Smith of Kingsville, and Jon P. Underwood of Austin. The reappointments were Don Rogers of Austin and Dean H. E. McCallick of Houston.

All appointments, effective immediately,

are subject to final confirmation by the State Senate.

Mr. Currey was appointed for the category of "one member representing the State Employment and Training Council" and serves as chair of that Council. He manages independent investments. Mr. Currey obtained his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and attended graduate school at the Harvard Business School. He replaced David Pickett of Dallas.

Appointed for the category of "one member familiar with vocational needs and problems of management in the state" is Mr. Collins, who replaces E. D. Redding of Houston. He is Employee Relations Manager for Mobil Oil in Beaumont. He earned a B.S. degree in



electrical engineering from Texas A&M and went to work for Mobil, where he progressed through several professional and supervisory areas to his present position.

Mr. Calvillo was appointed for the category of "one member representative of and knowledgeable about the poor and disadvantaged." He is the Director of Adult and Community Education Programs for the Hidalgo-Starr Cooperative for Adult Programs. Mr. Calvillo earned a B.A. degree from the University of Houston, a masters from Texas A&M, and is a doctoral candidate in Adult and Extension Education at A&M. He began his work in adult education in 1970. He replaces Bob Avina of San Antonio.

Appointed for the category of "one member representing community or junior colleges" was Dr. Juarez, who is Dean of Vocational and Technical Education for Laredo Junior College. He joined Laredo J.C. in 1975 and worked his way up through several job areas to his present position. He earned a B.A. from A&M, M.A. from Texas A&I, and his Ph.D. in vocational technical education from East Texas State. Dr. Juarez replaces Wayne Matthews of Uvalde.

Mr. Garcia was appointed to fill a one-year unexpired term for the category of "one member who is currently serving on a local school board." He is president of the Corpus Christi Independent School District Board. He graduated from the University of Houston and served for three years in the Air Force. Mr. Garcia is pharmacist and owner of Prescott Pharmacy in Corpus and replaces Joe Rodriguez of Brownsville.

The category of "one member representing and familiar with vocational guidance and counseling services" was filled with the appointment of Mrs. John T. Smith, vocational counselor in Kingsville. Prior to her present position, she was coordinator of vocational office education. Mrs. Smith earned B.B.A. and M.S. degrees from Texas A&M and has done graduate work in vocational guidance at Texas A&M. She replaces Joe Gunn of Austin.

Mr. Michel was appointed for the category of "one member representing school systems with large concentrations of persons who have special academic, social, economic, and cultural needs and of persons who have limited english-speaking ability." He is assistant superintendent of vocational education for the El Paso Independent School District. He earned bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Texas El Paso and was an electronics instructor and consultant with adult vocational education prior to assuming his present position. Mr. Michel replaces Victor Rodriguez of San Antonio.

Appointed for the category of "one member representing state industrial and economic development agencies" is Mr. Underwood. He is a member of the Industrial Commission and is employed as a research implementation engineer with the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. He started with that department in 1964 (part-time) and has worked his way up through various areas to his present position. Mr. Underwood received a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M. He replaces Gerald Brown.

## NEW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER NAMED

Robert Caster, superintendent of Texarkana Independent School District, has been named Associate Commissioner for Occupational Education and Technology. He will assume his duties January 1, 1980.

Mr. Caster grew up in Mesquite and graduated from Mesquite High School in 1954. He earned bachelor of arts and master of education degrees from Texas A&M.

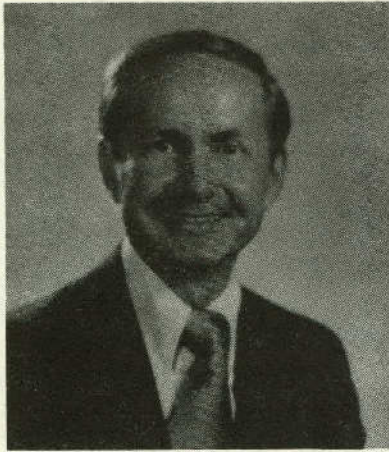
The new Associate Commissioner started his

career as a classroom social studies teacher and then an assistant principal at Copperas Cove School in 1964.

He later became assistant principal at Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, principal at Kilgore High School, and superintendent at La Vega Independent School District near Waco.

Mr. Caster was hired as superintendent in Texarkana in 1976.





**Dr. Robert Hunter**  
**Vice Chair**

## **HUBERT RESIGNS; HUNTER ELECTED**

Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, vice chair of the ACTIVE, resigned from the Council when he was elected Chancellor of Texas A&M University System. Dr. Robert Hunter of Abilene was unanimously elected vice chair at the October Council meeting.

Dr. Hunter was named to his present position of vice president of Abilene Christian University in 1974. Previously he had served as vice president for public relations/development, alumni director of the University, and as director of special events.

He has served on numerous councils and boards. He earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business Administration from Abilene Christian University and the Doctor of Laws degree from Pepperdine University.

Dr. Hubert served as Dean of the College of Education at A&M since its creation in 1969. He had served on the Advisory Council for two years and said he regretted having to leave, but would be most interested in continuing to help in any way he could in the future.

## **WORK PROGRESSES ON STATEWIDE CONFERENCE**

"Business and Industry Speak" is the title of the statewide conference on vocational-technical, adult education, and other training areas, scheduled for February 12-13 in Austin at the Municipal Auditorium. The Council is working with other state agencies to insure as wide participation as possible among the business, industry, labor, and education communities. Invitations are being extended to personnel in these areas, and the Council would be happy to include any interested parties who would notify them. A tentative schedule follows:

### February 12, 1980

10:00 a.m. - Exhibits Open  
11:00 a.m. - Registration  
1:30 p.m. - First General Session  
3:15 p.m. - Seminars  
7:00 p.m. - Banquet

### February 13, 1980

8:30 a.m. - Continue Seminars  
11:00 a.m. - Second General Session  
12:15 p.m. - Luncheon  
2:00 p.m. - Adjourn

If you have an interest in receiving more information and registration materials, contact Angie Grace, P. O. Box 1886, Austin, 78767.

## **HERE AND THERE**

**NEW DOE HEAD** -- President Carter has nominated federal Judge Shirley Hufstедler as the nation's first secretary of education. Hufstедler has sat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since 1969. At the present time, she is chair of the board of trustees of the University of Southern California Law Center, vice chair of the

board of trustees of Occidental College, and a trustee of the California Institute of Technology.

In a prepared statement, Carter said Hufstедler has "one of the best minds in the country...I wanted a strong, creative thinker who could take a new, fresh look



at the way we educate our children. In Judge Hufstedler, we have found that person."

Judge Hufstedler stated, "I expect to spend a great deal of time as secretary of education listening to parents, teachers, students, and other people who care about education in this nation. The first concern of this country in education must be in helping all students to learn."

SETC OPERATIONAL -- The State Employment and Training Council, formerly State Manpower Service Council, has regrouped and is charging full steam ahead. The Council has 28 members, representing four membership groups -- elected official representatives; business, labor, agriculture representatives; general public representatives; employment and training institution representatives. Mr. James C. Currey, a general public representative, has been selected as chair of the Council and is a newly-appointed member to the ACTIVE. He is a native of Dallas and has an extensive background in business investments in the private sector.

The Council has met three times -- once for an orientation session, the second time to

review prime sponsor programs from across the state, and the third to visit Gulf Coast Trade Center and other business.

The Advisory Council and SETC has joint responsibility in federal status relating to assessing the employment and training needs of the state and the extent to which efforts are being made to meet these needs. Mrs. Dorothy Robinson of Palestine represents ACTIVE on the SETC in the employment and training institution category.

VOC ED WEEK SET -- Vocational Education Week will be February 10-16, 1980. It's not too early to start making plans for activities to highlight vocational education during that week. Voc Ed Week materials are available from the American Vocational Association and include posters, buttons, bumper stickers, TV slides, P.R. guide, etc.

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